

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants again express their appreciation for the courtesy of the interview conducted with the Examiner on November 13, 2007. The substance of the interview has been summarized in the letter from the Undersigned of November 14, 2007.

Applicants note that the reaction which leads to the condensation product as claimed will normally provide a mixture of amide and imidazoline products. Therefore, the materials that have been tested and reported in the earlier Declaration are inherently a mixture of amide and imidazoline. The Examiner suggested that this might be made clearer if the nature of the amine reactant were more specifically defined. Accordingly, certain of the claims have been amended as shown to indicate that the polyamine is, more specifically, an ethylenepolyamine (which may of course be a mixture of a variety of ethylenepolyamines), support for which is found in the specification in paragraph 0025.

The Examiner also noted that new test data demonstrating the effect of the claimed condensation products versus other friction modifiers disclosed in the Ward reference would be favourably considered. It is intended that such data will be presented in a Supplemental Response.

It is submitted that upon consideration of the Supplemental Response, the Examiner will find all claims unobvious and in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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